

House File 868

H-1459

1 Amend House File 868 as follows:

2 1. Page 26, after line 35 by inserting:

3 <DIVISION ____

4 STATEWIDE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

5 Sec. ____ . Section 135.173A, subsection 4, paragraph p, Code
6 2021, is amended to read as follows:

7 *p.* One person who is part of a local program implementing
8 the statewide preschool program for ~~four-year-old~~ young
9 children under **chapter 256C**.

10 Sec. ____ . Section 135.173A, subsection 6, paragraph f, Code
11 2021, is amended to read as follows:

12 *f.* Make recommendations for improving collaborations
13 between the child care programs involving the department of
14 human services and programs supporting the education and
15 development of young children including but not limited to the
16 federal head start program; the statewide preschool program
17 for ~~four-year-old~~ young children; and the early childhood,
18 at-risk, and other early education programs administered by the
19 department of education.

20 Sec. ____ . Section 256C.1, subsections 1 and 4, Code 2021,
21 are amended to read as follows:

22 1. "*Approved local program*" means a school district's
23 program for ~~four-year-old~~ young children approved by the
24 department of education to provide high quality preschool
25 instruction.

26 4. "*Preschool program*" means the statewide preschool program
27 for ~~four-year-old~~ young children created in accordance with
28 this chapter.

29 Sec. ____ . Section 256C.2, Code 2021, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **256C.2 Statewide preschool program for ~~four-year-old~~ young**
32 **children — purpose.**

33 1. A statewide preschool program for ~~four-year-old~~ young
34 children is established. The purpose of the preschool program
35 is to provide an opportunity for all young children in the

1 state to enter school ready to learn by expanding voluntary
2 access to quality preschool curricula ~~for all children who are~~
3 ~~four years old~~.

4 2. The state board shall adopt rules in accordance with
5 chapter 17A as necessary to implement the preschool program as
6 provided in [this chapter](#).

7 Sec. _____. Section 256C.3, subsection 1, paragraphs a and b,
8 Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

9 a. A child who is a resident of Iowa and who is four
10 years of age on or before September 15 of a school year shall
11 be eligible to enroll in the preschool program under this
12 chapter. For school budget years beginning July 1, 2022, July
13 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024, a child who is a resident of Iowa
14 and who reaches five years of age on or after March 15 but on
15 or before September 15 of the calendar year during which the
16 school year begins shall be eligible to enroll in the preschool
17 program under this chapter if the school district elects to
18 enroll children who are five years of age for the three-year
19 period. For school districts that elect to enroll children
20 who are five years of age during such three-year period, a
21 child who enrolled as a four-year-old may enroll again as a
22 five-year-old. However, if insufficient space is available in
23 a preschool program for all eligible children, priority for
24 enrollment shall be given to children who are four years of age
25 on or before September 15 of a school year. If such a child is
26 enrolled under [this chapter](#), the child shall be considered to
27 be of compulsory attendance age as provided in section 299.1A,
28 subsection 3.

29 b. If space and funding are available, including funding
30 from another school district account or fund from which
31 preschool program expenditures are authorized by law, a school
32 district approved to participate in the preschool program
33 may enroll and pay the cost of attendance for a ~~younger or~~
34 ~~elder~~ child in the preschool program who does not satisfy the
35 requirements under paragraph "a"; however, the child shall not

1 be counted for state funding purposes.

2 Sec. _____. Section 256C.3, subsection 4, paragraphs b and c,
3 Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

4 b. Subject to implementation of [chapter 28E](#) agreements
5 between a school district and community-based providers of
6 services to four-year-old children and eligible five-year-old
7 children, a four-year-old child or eligible five-year-old child
8 who is enrolled in a child care center or child development
9 home licensed or registered under [chapter 237A](#), or in an
10 existing public or private preschool program, shall be eligible
11 for services provided by the school district's local preschool
12 program.

13 c. A school district shall participate in data collection
14 and performance measurement processes and reporting as defined
15 by rule. In addition to preschool program data collection,
16 the school district data collected by the department shall
17 include data related to the number and birth month and year
18 of pupils who enroll in kindergarten, including all-day,
19 half-day, or transitional kindergarten programs, for more
20 than one school year and whether those pupils previously or
21 concurrently enrolled in the school district's approved local
22 program. To the extent feasible, the data reporting relating
23 to kindergarten program enrollment shall be done in a manner
24 so as to avoid duplication of individual pupil data within
25 multiple categories.

26 Sec. _____. Section 256C.3, subsection 4, Code 2021, is
27 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

28 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. For budget years beginning on or after
29 July 1, 2022, each approved local program shall provide
30 consultation services for parents or guardians of children
31 enrolled in the approved local program and parents or guardians
32 of children eligible to enroll in the approved local program to
33 assist parents or guardians in assessing the child's readiness
34 for enrollment in kindergarten or in a preschool program, as
35 applicable.

1 Sec. _____. Section 256C.4, subsection 2, Code 2021, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. *Eligible student enrollment.*

4 a. To be included as an eligible student in the enrollment
5 count of the preschool programming provided by a school
6 district approved to participate in the preschool program, a
7 child must ~~be four years of~~ satisfy the age by September 15
8 requirements of section 256C.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a", in
9 the base year and be attending the school district's approved
10 local program.

11 b. The enrollment count of eligible students shall not
12 include a child who is included in the enrollment count
13 determined under [section 257.6](#) or a child who is served by
14 a program already receiving state or federal funds for the
15 purpose of the provision of four-year-old or five-year-old
16 preschool programming while the child is being served by the
17 program. Such preschool programming includes but is not
18 limited to child development assistance programs provided under
19 chapter 256A, special education programs provided under section
20 256B.9, school ready children grant programs and other programs
21 provided under [chapter 256I](#), and federal head start programs
22 and the services funded by Tit. I of the federal Elementary and
23 Secondary Education Act of 1965.

24 Sec. _____. Section 298A.2, subsection 2, paragraph a,
25 subparagraph (1), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) An approved local program under the statewide preschool
27 program for ~~four-year-old~~ young children under [chapter 256C](#).

28 Sec. _____. Section 298A.2, subsection 2, paragraph c,
29 subparagraph (1), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

30 (1) Start-up costs for an approved local program under the
31 statewide preschool program for ~~four-year-old~~ young children
32 under [chapter 256C](#).

33 Sec. _____. Section 299.1A, subsection 3, Code 2021, is
34 amended to read as follows:

35 3. A child who has reached the age of four ~~by September 15~~

1 or five and who is enrolled in the statewide preschool program
2 under [chapter 256C](#) shall be considered to be of compulsory
3 attendance age unless the parent or guardian of the child
4 submits written notice to the school district implementing the
5 program of the parent's or guardian's intent to remove the
6 child from enrollment in the preschool program.

7 Sec. _____. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
8 to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2022.>

9 2. Title page, line 5, after <atters> by inserting <
10 including statewide preschool program>

11 3. Title page, line 6, by striking <retroactive>

12 4. By renumbering as necessary.

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